



March 8, 2020
2nd Sunday of Lent

**“Lord, how good it
 is for us to be
 here!”**

Lent Begins. . . .

Stations of the Cross

Fridays beginning March 28th at NOON.

Parish Lenten Theme:

The challenge of this Sacred Season is to take time for prayer, penance, fasting and almsgiving to look inside ourselves and renew ourselves from within for the coming of Easter.



Parish Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick

Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated on Sunday, March 22nd, 2020

Parish Reconciliation Opportunities

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated: Sunday, March 15th & 29^h after 10am mass in the St. Anthony Chapel in church.

Missionary Leadership Training

(required for Missionary Discipleship) with Ms. Paul Cullings, Next Sunday, Mar. 15, 2020

Operation Faith-Lift

Saturday, April 4th, Noon to 2pm
 Evangelization in the neighborhood.
 St. Anthony's Closet Opened as well.

Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries

Fr. Paul asks that each and everyone of us read the info that was mailed to us carefully and prayerfully decide what you can do to help continue the charitable work accomplished by the Church our city. The Annual Appeal helps Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul Society, provides assistance to parents with children in Catholic Schools and funds chaplains in our hospitals and prisons.

Our Elect

We formally welcomed *Mr. Robert Allen* into the *Elect* and he will receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Welcome Robert! Robert will receive the Creed on the 22nd and the Lord's Prayer on the 29th.

Archdiocese of Baltimore Social Justice Convocation



CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE TEACHINGS

This past Saturday at Mercy High School, Ms. Bencine Blake and Mr. James Bell received the Bishop P. Francis Murphy Social Ministry Recognition Award during the Archdiocese of Baltimore Social Ministry Convocation.

Bencine and James were chosen for their years of service to the parish. This award is presented to parishioners who exemplify a consistent commitment to direct service in the parish. Congratulations to Bencine and James.



Farewell Dear Sr. Philomena

The loving God that Oblate Sister of Providence Sister M. Philomena Chizea, served so faithfully has called her home. Sister Philomena pass in the early hours of the morning Monday, March 2nd, 2020. Sr. Philomena was a wonderful part of our parish community and served our sick members in 2005/6. She will be greatly missed.

A viewing will be held on Tuesday, March 10th at Our Lady of Providence Motherhouse, 701 Gun Rd at 7pm followed by the Mass at 7:30pm. A mass will be offer the following morning, at 10am followed by burial. All are welcome to both celebrations. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace!

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

From September, 22-30, 2020 Join Fr. Paul and some of our other parishioners on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi to commemorate the Capuchin Friars 30th years of service to the parish. Sell the flyer on the info table for more information.

Mother's Day Candles and Novena

The Annual Mother's Day Novena of Candles and masses is available now. The envelopes are available on the info table. Please write the name of the person you would like to remember, living or deceased on the envelop and drop it in the collection basket. The candles will be on display at the Blessed Mother's altar on **Mother's Day, May 10th. Donation: \$3.00.** If you would like to take the candle home on Mother's Day, please take it after mass.



Parish Appreciation Day

Once again, Fr. Paul is inviting all those in any ministry in the parish to the **Parish Ministry Appreciation Party** scheduled for **Sunday, April 19th** from 12noon to 3:30pm at the Delta Center, 2501 Springhill Ave, Baltimore, MD 21215. Sign up sheet for the various ministries are in the back of church. If you are in multiple ministries, PLEASE SIGN ONLY ONCE. Deadline Easter Sunday, April 12th. Join the fun!

Sacred Purpose—Sacred Space

A few months ago the Archdiocese, esp Bishop Madden's Office, approached Fr. Paul for St. Ambrose to take part in a special program offered to us by the archdiocese—**Sacred Spaces Workshop**. This program has a team of professional people who assist the parish in developing a *Sacred Spaces Assessment*. The process is simple. First over the next few weeks we reflect on our Sacred Purpose. We will reflect on our lives in faith and ministry: What am doing for the parish? Why am I doing this? How do I fulfil my ministry? And most importantly, for WHOM? JESUS! When we clarify the "Purpose" then we move to how can we make use of our "Space"—the church, convent, rectory, school in building the Kingdom, mandated by Jesus in the Gospels? How does our physical presence in the neighborhood help in building the kingdom?

After this process, with the help of the Sacred Spaces Team we move on to: 1. **Economic Halo Study**, 2. **Community Asset Mapping**: 3. **Discovery Study**

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Chair lift in Rectory



Thanks to your generosity to our Embracing the Mission Campaign we were able to install the chairlift from the main floor of the rectory to the lower level. Cost of the lift was \$13,265.00. Please if needed, please make us of the lift. Directions for use are posted and in the next few weeks, someone will be present to assist you until you are comfortable using the lift. Remotes are available for access when you are down and the lift is up. Well done, next the ramp for the front of the rectory.

Peace Walk with Bishop Madden

Bishop Madden's next Prayer Walk is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 24th at 5:30pm at New All Saints Church 4408 Liberty Heights Ave, Baltimore, MD 21207**. The walk will begin with a light meal and fellowship in the parish hall followed by the walk. Please come out and make a prayerful witness to the city.



Tax Time

It is that time of the year again, if you need your tithe statement from the parish, please sign up at the info table or call Barbara at the rectory 410-367-9918

MOTHER LANGE CORNER



From the very beginning in 1828, Elizabeth Lange, Marie Balas and Rosine Boegue decided to organize themselves into a sisterhood. On July 2, 1829, Almaide Duchemin joined the trio to become the first permanent community of Roman Catholic women religious of African descent in the United States. They "defined the community as a Religious society of Colored Women who renounced the world to consecrate themselves to God, and to the Christian education of young girls of color. In forming themselves into a religious sisterhood, these women of color identified themselves- and demanded recognition from white American society- as women of virtue who embodied standards of morality previously ascribed to white middle-class women." (Excerpts from Diane Batts Morrow, *Persons of Color and Religious at the Same Time: The Oblate Sisters of Providence, 1828-1860*).

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Mass Intention

Today the mass is offered for **Mrs. Sarah Gladden and Mr. Stevie Marris**, deceased mother and nephew of our **Mrs. Arnette Warfield** and next week we remember **Ms. Carol Stewart**, deceased wife of **Brad Stewart**. May they rest in peace!

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Begins Friday, **April 17 and runs to May 29th**, St. Ambrose Rectory, 4502 Park Heights Ave, Baltimore. 6:30-8:30pm. What is the Life in the Spirit Seminar? An opportunity to experience God and the Holy Spirit in our lives in a new and different way. It is intended for anyone desires a new awareness and deeper relationship with God, especially through the working of the Holy Spirit and to be more fully spiritually equipped in building the church. It is an invitation to "stir into flame" a renewed Pentecost and bring the gift of the Holy Spirit in a new and profound way. An opportunity to "step aside" and deepen your relationship with Christ. Join Us! Sign up at info table.

In Need of Healing Prayer



Derek Bakon, Karen Brown-Berkley, Phyllis Butler, Kathy Burundi, Fred Buchanan, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Rochelle Corner, Patricia Cullings-Dix, Maureen Crowley, Kai Thomas Dorsey, Krystal Dorsey, William Ford III, Earlene Forrest, Sarah Gamble, Sr. Reginald Gerdes, OSP, Fr. Bill Graham, OFM Cap., Bertha Hawkins, Joseph Jones, Alice Manns, Kimberly Merrill, Laura Preston, Rhonda Rumbra, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Augustine and Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Alease Stokes, Gloria Tate, Jean Thomas, Arthur Swint, Stephen Swint, Brenda Williams and Rachel Williams.

Last week's Offering: \$6,638.00

Embracing Our Future Campaign Update:

Goal: \$310,000.00 Pledged: \$474,369.00

Total Amount of Gifts Received: \$262,758.71

Current Balance: \$73,609.61



PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

SEPTEMBER 22-30, 2020

Have Prayer & Fun with
Rev. Paul Zaborowski, OFM, Cap.
Saint Ambrose Parish

DEPART TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 – (ROME) Private transfer with assistance at airport from Fiumicino airport to Hotel Il Cantico in Rome

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23, 2020 – (ROME) Morning Papal audience including transportation from hotel plus a 3 hour afternoon walking tour including Navona Square, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24, 2020 – (ROME / ASSISI) Private transfer by minibus with English speaking assistant from Rome hotel to Assisi, St. Anthony Retreat House.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25, 2020 – (ASSISI FREE DAY) to enjoy this medieval city, home of Saints Francis and Clare. Grab a gelato (Italian Ice Cream, shop, enjoy all the sights.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 2020 – (UMBRIA) Full day excursion to Spello, Montefalco, Spoleto and Perugia.



SUNDAY, SEPT. 27, 2020 – Following breakfast we celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis. Private transfer from Assisi to Rome retreat house with English speaking assistant.

MONDAY, SEPT. 28, 2020 (ROME) Full day tour includes visits to Cathedrals Santa Maria Maggiore, San Giovanni in Laterano (steps of the passion), catacomb San Callisto. Included transportation, tour guide, entrance fees to catacombs

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29, 2020 – (ROME) Free morning then an afternoon walking tour of Colosseum & Roman Forum



Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 – Depart ROME / FIUMICINO AIRPORT. Private transfer from retreat house to airport to home.

Price: \$3,500.00 (Tour size is limited to 12—first come—first serve!)

\$100.00 non-refundable deposit for reservation.

- ✓ Price includes: Round trip Air fare from Washington Dulles
- ✓ Il Cantico Hotel & Residenza Madre Pie Retreat House (Rome)
 - ✓ St. Anthony Retreat House, Atonement Sisters (Assisi)
 - ✓ Mass and or daily prayer daily.
 - ✓ Breakfast & Dinner daily
- ✓ Private bus transportation from Rome to Assisi and return.
 - ✓ All transfers and Tour fee
- ✓ Arrangements by Ciao Italy & Carrani Tours LLC

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